(a) whether it is a fact that drought hit States are given instant relief and Central Aid but the flood hit States are left to fend for themselves;

(b) if so, the relief and aid given to each drought hit and flood hit State this year; indicating the extent of devastation caused in each State;

(c) whether the inadequate relief granted by the Central Government has resulted in starvation deaths in these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any action plan to fight floods in flood-hit States on a permanent footing has been prepared at the national level; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) The primary responsibility for undertaking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities, including distribution of relief on the ground is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. Government of India supplements the efforts of States with financial and logistical support. In response to the memoranda submitted by the States affected by drought/ floods during South West Monsoon period (1.6.2002 to 30.9.2002), the High Level Committee (HLC), in its meeting held on 16th November, 2002, approved total assistance of Rs. 1999.14 crores, subject to adjustment of available balances in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of respective States. The assistance approved is for a period of three months in the first instance and is liable to be reviewed in the middle of January, 2003, having regard to the latest situation on the drought front.

Losses of Sail Plants

†1183. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the plant-wise details of the profit made or loss suffered by the plants controlled by the 'SAIL' during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any scheme to separate Bhilai Steel Plant earning profit since its inception, from the 'SAIL' and privatize other plants; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The plant-wise details of the profit (+) made or loss (-) suffered by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during the last three years are as under:

(Rs./crores)

Plants/Units	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP)	92	342	477
Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)	–651	–236	–262
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	–704	–445	–1036
Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL)	120	49	–459
Alloy Steels Plant (ASP)	–260	–184	–149
Salem Steel Plant (SSP)	–142	–155	–153
Raw Material Division (RMD)	–74	–30	–41
Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant (VISL)	–91	–68	–103
Other Units	–10	–2	19
SAIL	–1720	–729	–1707

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to separate Bhilai Steel Plant from SAIL. Under the Business Restructuring programme of the Company, it is proposed to divest Alloy Steel Plant, Salem Steel Plant and Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant.

Steel Production and Expots

1184. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total annual production of steel in the country, both in quantity and value;

(b) what is the total consumption of steel in the country;

(c) whether the steel is being exported and if so, the total quantity exported during the last three years in value and quantity; and

(d) what is the expected domestic requirement of steel in the next three years?